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1. FROM THE MADRID PERSPECTIVE, WE CAN SEE NO PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE TO ATTEMPTING TO INSERT LANGUAGE ABOUT SPAIN IN THIS DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE.

2. THE KING OF LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD PROMOTE OUR EFFORTS HERE TO DRAW THE SPANISH CLOSER TO THE ALLIANCE MAY NOT BE OBTAINABLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE DPC CONTEXT.

3. FURTHER, ANY DEBATE OVER THE NATURE OF THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SPANISH MIGHT WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE A MOMENTUM OF SPANISH CONTACTS WITH THE ALLIES AS FREE AS POSSIBLE FROM REBUFFS AND WOULD ONLY FAVOR AN INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE ON SPAIN IF THERE COULD BE REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SOMETHING REALLY POSITIVE ACCEPTED WITHOUT ACRIMONIOUS

DEBATE.

4. TO BUILD ON THE LANGUAGE USED LAST JUNE BY, FOR EXAMPLE,
INDICATING WE ARE REPORTING TO THE ALLIES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
OUR BILATERAL TREATY WITH SPAIN MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD HERE.
ALTERNATIVELY, TO RESTATE THE STRATEGIC VALUE TO THE ALLIANCE
OF SPAIN WOULD NOT MAKE ANY PARTICULAR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORTS
IN MADRID TO BRING SPAIN CLOSER TO THE ALLIANCE, A PROCESS IN
WHICH WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO PLACE AS MUCH EMPHASIS AS POSSIBLE
ON THE MUTUALITY OF INTERSTS.

5. WE ARE, OF COURSE, NOT IN THE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE THE
POTENTIAL VALUE OF ATTEMPTING TO USE THIS PARTICULAR FORUM TO
PRODUCE SOMETHING WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A RESPONSE TO
THE RECENT WARSAW PACT INITIATIVE ON FREEZING MEMBERSHIP
IN ALLIANCES. STABLER

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